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BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPS

AASU is tops in Division II men's and women's tennis

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This year's NCAA Division II Championship match-ups for the men's and women's tennis teams held in Altamonte Springs, Fla. were all about rematches.

On the men's side, AASU squared off against Barry University. This wasn't just a rematch of the 2008 NCAA Division II Championship game from last season; it was also a rematch from earlier in the season when the Pirates narrowly won 5-4 on March 13 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

On the women's side, the Lady Pirates faced Lynn University. The match was another rematch from the previous year's championship game, but it was also a rematch from earlier in the season when Lynn handed the AASU women's team their first and only loss of the season back on March 27.

Although these were rematches, both head coach Simon Earnshaw and his assistant David Secker were quick to point out that this year was a completely different experience from last year.

Secker described it well when he said, "This year's teams felt a lot of pressure and it created a different set of emotions that it both mentally and physically draining for both teams."

The men's championship match-up this year was an event of epic proportions, lasting exactly five hours and coming down to the very last point.

Even before their match against nationally ranked No. 2 Barry, the men had to face the No. 3, 5 and 6 teams in the nation.

It all came down to the No. 5 singles match of AASU's Rafael Array, who was trying to overcome cramping during the match against

Barry's Roman Werschel.

Array and Werschel split the first two sets, with Array winning the first 6-4 and Werschel coming back to take the second 7-5. Array prevailed in the third set, 5-3, giving AASU a 5-4 win and back-to-back national titles, becoming the first team to do so in Division II men's tennis since West Florida University in 2004-05.

With the women's match-up, it was AASU looking for revenge for their only loss of the season and looking to take their fifth national title for women's tennis in the school's history against Lynn, a team looking to make up for its loss in the championship match from last season and trying to get its first national title since 2001.

The Lady Pirates once again got the win over Lynn, 5-2, as Gabriella Kovacs scored the winning point for AASU with her defeat of Jessica Yanoff at No. 4 singles.

This is the second time the women have won back-to-back championships—the first since 1995-96. Also, with both the men and women getting back-to-back titles AASU becomes the first school since Brigham Young University-Hawaii did so in 2003-04.

Earnshaw said, "This year was a tough year. It was more of a relief to get over the complications of the season and get that second championship [in a row]."

With both teams winning their second straight Division II national championship, they headed back to Savannah for a well-deserved victory celebration.

The President's office sent out an e-mail to all faculty, staff and students to join the AASU tennis teams for a "Welcome Home" party on May 17 at Compass Point.

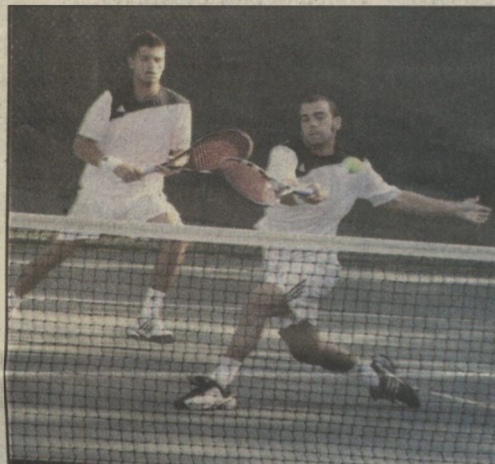
It was definitely a joyous occasion for all involved as the men's

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NCAA Division II National Championship at Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Men's: No. 1 AASU (30-1) def. No. 2 Barry (27-3) 5-4, time 5:00
Women's: No. 3 AASU (28-1) def. No. 2 Lynn (28-1) 5-2, time 3:32
All photos courtesy of Sports Communications



Left to right: Paul Fitzgerald, Paul Bishop (also mid-page) and Eudaldo Bonet



L to R: Akos Torok and Eudaldo Bonet



Mikk Irdoja hugs Akos Torok



L to R: Alisa Kagukina, Sona Novakova, Gabriella Kovacs, Kathleen Henry, Alida Muller-Wehlau, Tina Ronel and Martina Beckmann



Alisa Kagukina



Center: Alida Muller-Wehlau
Left: Alisa Kagukina

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Multiple DUIs keep UPD busy over break

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Between May 23 and June 7 the University Police Department (UPD) arrested four people for driving under the influence.

In one incident, an underage passenger initially gave a false age and police administered a breath test.

Frederico Sanchez gave a positive reading for alcohol at .198 grams. Officer Gorman reported that when he returned the breath tester to the police vehicle, Sanchez left the area and officers were unable to locate him.

Officer Gorman noticed a vehicle without working taillights on May 11 at 12:40 a.m. and recalled that he had previously stopped the vehicle for the same infraction. Gorman stopped the vehicle and ran the driver's information through Savan-

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AASU receives \$1 million STEM grant

Courtesy of University Relations

A \$1 million, five-year grant was awarded to AASU to allow incoming freshmen to conduct scientific research in the school's laboratories this summer, weeks before they enter a classroom for fall classes.

The grant from the National Science Foundation's Division of Undergraduate Education Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) will support the establishment of research opportunities for students desiring to pursue careers in science and mathematics, and who demonstrate a strong aptitude in those fields.

The grant establishes unique freshmen experiences each year for up to 20 incoming undergraduate students. They will perform undergraduate research and will obtain intensive skills in applied mathematics over two summers. These students will participate in science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in freshman year learning communities.

"The uniqueness of this undergraduate research experience is that it is built upon a framework of undergraduate research learning communities that form connections among students as well as between students and faculty," said George Shields, AASU dean of the College of Science and Technology and principal investigator of the grant.

The first group of incoming freshman students will arrive on campus on June 15 for a five-week program of full-time research. The students, who this year will come from across Georgia, will reside in the university's residence halls. They will join 33 AASU students already conducting summer research, many of whom will mentor incoming freshmen researchers. Twenty-two AASU faculty members from the college of Science and Technology will

provide close monitoring and guidance. Social activities and a one-week math tutorial at the end of the summer are part of the program.

The scholars will work directly with faculty members and the faculty member's undergraduate research students. One of the unique features of this type of research is that students work with faculty, not graduate students. STEP scholars are mentored every step of the way by faculty and students.

Students who complete their freshman year as STEP scholars will be eligible to perform research next summer and mentor new, incoming STEP scholars. Each participating student in the STEP grant program will make a poster presentation to the campus community in the fall.

"This represents a concerted effort on the part of Armstrong Atlantic State University to increase the level of undergraduate research on this campus," said Delena

Nivens, associate professor of chemistry and co-principal investigator of the grant. "AASU offers talented, bright students the opportunity to explore careers in science and mathematics and carry on research right here without a need to look elsewhere. The undergraduate research culture in the College of Science and Technology is growing and vibrant. It is something that our faculty members in the college believe and are committed to long term."

Sabrina Hessinger, associate professor of mathematics, also is a co-principal investigator of the grant and will coordinate the evaluation of the program with a professional evaluator. The STEP initiative, coupled with a number of other science and math initiatives in the College of Science and Technology, is expected to increase science and math student graduation rates.

Search www.theinkwellonline.com for "STEM" for more about the program.

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AASU faculty members head to the Czech Republic

On June 5, AASU faculty, along with teachers from Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, began a four-week trip to the Czech Republic and Hungary to take part in a cultural immersion seminar partially funded by the Fulbright-Hays grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Division of International Education Programs Service.

In the past six years, AASU professors of the Office of International Relations have taken part in three trips to various countries funded by Fulbright-Hays, such as to Chile, Argentina, and South Africa.

"Bloom" in June

AASU's Irish Studies Club will commemorate Bloomsday, the Irish holiday celebrating Irish novelist James Joyce, with a showing of "Bloom" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, in Gamble Hall 213 on the AASU campus. The event is free and open to the public. "Bloom" is a motion picture adaptation of Joyce's novel "Ulysses." For more information, contact Frank Clancy at (912) 344-3194.

UPD Chief to be certified in Georgia

Chief Wayne Willcox, after a career of 37 years in the field of law enforcement, is graduating from the Southeastern Georgia Regional Police Academy on June 26, after which he will be certified to serve on AASU campus.

Willcox began his career in law enforcement in 1972 at the Piqua, Ohio, Police Department, where he served for 36 years. Willcox first came to Savannah in 1990 as part of a conference for the PPD's accreditation program, and settled here in January 2009.

SPORTS

Aug. 28: Volleyball vs. Erskine 4:00 p.m. at 2009 Anderson Invitational
Soccer vs. Queens (N.C.) 5:00 p.m. at 2009 Pirates Shootout

The men's cross-country season will start approximately the last week of August or the first week of September.

New coaches arrive at AASU
Jeremy Luther takes over men's basketball

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On May 5 AASU announced that Jeremy Luther had been selected from a group of three finalists to become the new men's basketball head coach.



Photo courtesy of Sports Communications

Luther, former Newberry College head coach, was selected over former University of Georgia assistant head coach Mike Jones and the current men's basketball head coach at Tusculum College, Jim Boone.

Students and faculty were able to meet each of the final three candidates prior to the selection of a new coach in

a series of on-campus interviews on April 29-May 1.

The newly appointed head coach will take over the reins from Jeff Burkhamer, who after seven seasons as head coach at AASU, resigned to take the men's basketball head coaching job at Lander University on March 26.

Luther is excited about the opportunity he has been

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presented to coach for the Pirates.

"Armstrong Atlantic State is one of those jobs that I feel is one of the best in the country. I'm thrilled to get this op-

portunity at this stage of my career, and I am extremely optimistic about the future of Pirate basketball. I can't wait to get started," said Luther.

Luther now becomes the 10th head coach for the men's basketball program in AASU's history.

He also inherits a team that went 23-7 overall and 15-5 in the Peach Belt Conference,

gaining a spot in the NCAA Division II tournament, and will be returning 10 players for the upcoming 2009-10 season.

During his two years as the

Newberry head coach Luther went 33-24, including going 21-8 overall and 10-8 in the South Atlantic Conference during the 2008-09 season.

Incidentally, the 21 overall wins and 10 wins in conference play were both records for Newberry for most wins in a single season and in a conference, respectively.

Prior to that Luther served six seasons as the assistant head coach at Mercer University, where he was responsible for recruiting, conditioning and scouting. Before that he was the head coach at Windsor Academy in Macon from 2000-01, as well as an assistant coach at his alma mater, North Greenville College, from 1998-2000, where Luther received a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1999.

Karmen Graham named new assistant women's basketball coach

On June 2 women's basketball head coach, Matt Schmidt, announced Karmen Graham as his new assistant coach.

Graham comes to AASU via Ashland University, where she served as a graduate assistant during the 2008-09 season. Her responsibilities there included helping with recruiting, coordinating film exchange and conducting individual workouts.

She formerly played at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) from 2003-07, where Schmidt was an assistant head coach under Nancy Winstel.

While at NKU, Graham was a four-year standout player

who helped her team reach three NCAA tournament appearances.

During her time there, Graham was a Kodak/WBCA Division II Honorable Mention All-American honoree in 2005-06 and finished her career as the 19th leading scorer in NKU history, as well as ranking third in free throw percentage and seventh in field goal percentage.

Also Graham helped Winstel with individual and team camps all four years. After she graduated, she served as an assistant varsity coach at Highlands High School in Fort Thomas, Ky., for the 2007-08 season prior to joining the Ashland staff.

Having already met with the returning players for the Lady Pirates, as well as being familiar with Coach Schmidt, Graham is excited about being a part of the coaching staff at AASU.

The experience she already has with recruiting and working with the players makes Graham believe she is ready for the role with which she is now entrusted.

Graham also thinks that she can be an important part of a winning effort, just as Schmidt was when NKU won the NCAA Division II National Championship for the 2007-08 season.

The AASU women's basketball team finished the



Photo courtesy of Sports Communications

Karmen Graham, who played under coach Matt Schmidt at Northern Kentucky University, steps in as assistant coach.

2008-09 season with a 17-11 mark overall and 12-8 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Men's cross country program returns

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AASU's athletic department announced on May 19 that it would reinstate the men's cross-country program as its 11th varsity sport.

AASU originally sponsored men's cross-country until the 1999 season, when it was dropped to make way for the reinstatement of the men's golf program in 2000-01.

The program makes AASU the seventh school in the Peach Belt Conference to sponsor men's cross-country along with Columbus State University, Clayton State University, Flagler College, Francis Marion University, Georgia College & State University and North Georgia University.

The reintroduction of cross-country also helps AASU meet the three-season requirement set out in Bylaw 20.10.4.1 of the NCAA Division II manual.

For those who don't happen to have a NCAA Division II manual handy, Bylaw 20.10.4.1 states:

The institution shall conduct or sponsor at least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team of males and females and at least one sport involving an all-female team in every sport season. An institution may use a sport to meet the

three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum contest and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3.5 (see Constitution 3.2.4 for details of the member's obligations in meeting this requirement.) (Revised: 5/4/06)

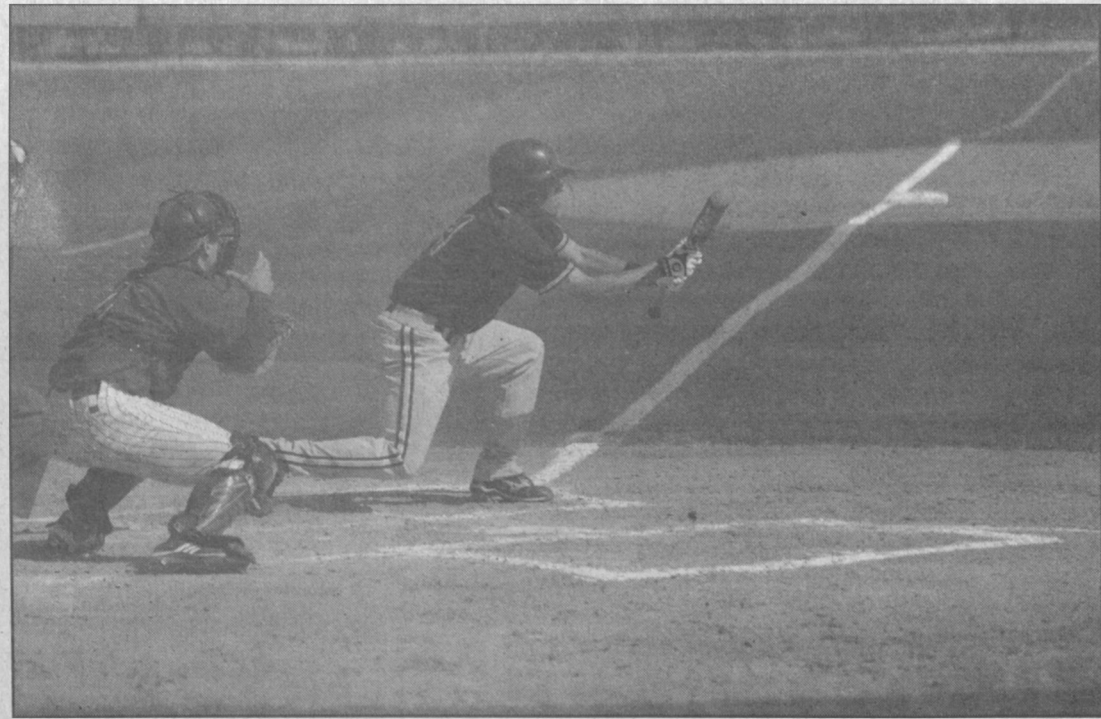
In other words, a school must have one male or mixed male/female sport and one female sport in each season of competition (fall, winter and spring) and Bylaw 20.10.3.5 states the minimum number of times an institution's sport must play in a season.

With the reinstatement of the cross-country program at AASU, the school will be in full compliance with the rule and can be taken off the waiver it had so it could operate as a Division II school until it came into compliance.

Interim Athletic Director Eric Faulconer and newly appointed men's head coach Jeremy Luther are currently in the process of finding a head coach for cross-country, as that person will also serve as the men's assistant head coach of basketball.

Want to run with the cross-country team?
Anyone interested in taking part in cross-country this upcoming season should see Faulconer until a head coach is found.

Pirate baseball closes out the 2009 season



File Photo

The ability to play small ball and do it well was important this year for the AASU baseball team, a team that led Division II in sacrifice bunts with 101.

Painful end to a season full of small ball and great pitching

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The AASU baseball squad ended the season on May 9 with a heartbreaking loss to North Georgia University at the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) tournament in Aiken, S.C.

The Pirates attempted to

rally back from a 9-0 deficit to fall just one run short in a 12-11 loss that effectively ended their season and hopes for postseason action.

Despite a rocky start to the 2009 season, which saw the Pirates two games below .500 at 6-8 overall and 0-5 in the PBC after the first month of play, AASU was able to

bounce back to finish the year with a 38-18 overall record.

An 18-game winning streak spanning from March 2-24 played a large part in getting the Pirates back on track after their rather lackluster start to the season.

Also winning 13 out of their last 14 games from April 12-May 3 to finish up the regular

season helped cement their chances to play in the PBC tournament, as AASU ended up with a conference record of 15-12 placing them in a tie for fourth in the PBC.

Because of the Pirates' winning ways coming down the stretch, they even managed to earn a spot in the Collegiate Baseball Division II rankings for the first time since April 7, 2008 when they entered the rankings at No. 22 on May 4.

When the season came to a close, AASU found themselves No. 6 in the NCAA Southeast Region along with six other PBC schools (University of South Carolina at Aiken, Francis Marion University, Georgia College & State University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke and North Georgia University) and at the No. 25 spot in the final Collegiate Baseball polls.

A number of the players on the AASU baseball team also picked up several honors for the year.

Cody Walden, who lead the team in wins and innings pitched (11-2 and 114 1/3 respectively) and an economics

major who held down a 3.33 GPA, was named to the All-PBC first team, the Daktronics/CoSIDA Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year and All-Southeast Region first team, the American Baseball Coaches' Association (ABCA) All-Southeast Region first team and the PBC Baseball All-Academic first team.

Alex Wyche, who had a .398 batting average with six home runs and 58 RBIs, was named to the All-PBC first team and the Daktronics/CoSIDA and ABCA All-Southeast Region first team.

Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo was named to the Rawlings™ Gold Glove team, All-Southeast Region and to the PBC Baseball All-Academic first team for his .959 fielding percentage, .252 batting average with 22 RBIs and a 3.71 GPA in physical education. Cardoza-Oquendo is also the first player from AASU to receive the Gold Glove honor.

Kenny Cail was named to the All-PBC second team and along with Josh Heath was named to the ESPN: The Magazine/CoSIDA All-District III team and PBC Base-

ball All-Academic first team.

And rounding out the honorees was Thomas Gray and Jeff Base; Gray was named to the All-PBC second team and Chase to the All-Academic second team.

As far as next season goes, the outlook should be a positive one for the Pirates as Cail, Chase, Walden, and Juan Dorado were the only seniors on the team.

With a good core group of players intact for next year, AASU can look to improve upon this year's performance as they were seemingly only a couple of quality wins shy of making it to the NCAA Regional tournament.

Pirate individual awards include
Cody Walden:
-Daktronics/CoSIDA Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year, All-Southeast Region first team
-ABCA All-Southeast first team
Alex Wyche:
-Daktronics/CoSIDA All-Southeast Region second team
-ABCA All-Southeast second team
Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo
-All-Southeast Region Rawlings™ Gold Glove, All-Southeast first team

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and women's tennis teams were met with thunderous applause upon exiting their bus.

Nearly 40 faculty, staff, students and friends along

with local media were all there to greet the back-to-back champions, despite the rainy weather.

The players were met with a barrage of questions and

congratulations from all who came to see them. Everyone wanted to know what it was like and how it felt to be back-to-back NCAA Division II Champions.

And although it's only about a month removed from the monumental feat, AASU definitely has to be considered among the favorites for next year. Perhaps they will take home three national championships in a row.

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Top, from left to right: Simon Earnshaw, Tina Ronel, Gabriella Kovács, Alida Muller-Wehlau, Alisa Kagukina, Martina Beckmann, Sona Novakova, Kathleen Henry, David Secker, Taavo Roos.
Bottom, from left to right: Tim Johannsen, Akos Torok, Rafael Array, Eudaldo Bonet, Paul Fitzgerald, Paul Bishop, Mikl Irdoja.

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Baseball, softball, basketball and - oh yeah - the 2008-2009 Division II tennis national champions are all proof that sports are alive and well at AASU. Get close to the players and the action

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Stars and suspense take center stage

Summer in Savannah appears full of promise

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The sticky Savannah summer can be defined by sweat with high humidity and heat that create ugly sweat marks under our arms. One thing Savannah residents won't have to sweat about this summer is the upcoming entertainment schedule, which may be one of the strongest in recent memory. Shows from downtown to the Southside to South Carolina promise to provide hours of entertainment for those finding themselves confined to the seaport this summer.

AASU's Masquers Theatre Troup is presenting the "Summer of Murder and Suspense," beginning with Neil Simon's "Rumors" June 25-28. "Rumors" is the story of several guests at a dinner party who arrive to find that the host has comically decided to shoot himself. The story's humor quotient rises as the guests decide they must organize a cover up. The Masquers will follow this play with Anthony Shaffer's "The Murderer," running July 9-12, and Laird Koenig's "The Little Girl Who Lives Down the Lane," which runs July 21-26.

The Masquers aren't the only theater troupe putting on large performances in this city. The Little Theater of Savannah will perform "Uri-



Photo courtesy of Savannah Winds
The Savannah Winds' annual patriotic concert returns to AASU's Fine Arts Auditorium June 28. "Half-Blood Prince" on

netown, the Musical," during the second half of July at the Freight Station. "Urinetown" is a fun romp that tells the story of a town that is so poor, it has been forced to bar the use of private toilets, instead charging money to use the only toilets in town. Also, the Savannah Children's Theater will present its production of



Photo courtesy of Ten Toes Up
Ten Toes Up will be bringing their funky brand of rock to Live Wire Music Hall on June 20. The show will mark the band's first show in Savannah.

"Narnia" June 13, 14, 20 and 21.

The theater isn't the only place to see great stories told this summer. Blockbuster season is right around the corner and theaters are banking on a big summer. "The Taking of Pelham 123" features the dynamite, dramatic duo of John Travolta and Denzel Washington, and premieres June 12. June 19 sees perpetual goofball Jack Black and perpetual virgin Michael Cera team up for "Year One," ironically only two weeks before the premiere of the equally prehistoric "Ice Age 3."

Those movies might merely be the undercard for what proves to be a massive summer movie main event. June 24's "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" is the tip of the iceberg, to be followed by the highly anticipated "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" on

July 15 and the ridiculously cool "G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra" on August 7. July 24 sees the release of Disney's "G-Force," the three-dimensional tale of a secret squad of spying hamsters. Also, keep your eye on July 10. "Bruno" and "I Love You, Beth Cooper" both release on that date, and while they are two completely different kinds of comedy, both could become sleeper hits.

2009 should prove to be a great summer for Savannah's music scene, as well. AASU's Fine Arts Auditorium will host Steve Earle on June 13 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 at the door but well worth the price

as Earle will perform a solo acoustic set that will show off the songwriting skills that earned him a Grammy nomination in 1996. AASU follows this performance with June 28's presentation of the Savannah Winds' Annual Patriotic Concert. WTOC's Bill Cathcart will emcee the concert, which will feature classic tunes of American patriotism, including selections from the legendary John Philip Sousa.

Outside of AASU, River Street's Live Wire Music Hall will showcase talented performers virtually every weekend this summer. The June lineup includes urban soul band Corleone on June 12, Pink Floyd tribute band Eclipse on June 19, and roots-rock band Ten Toes Up

on June 20. Hilton Head's Shoreline Ballroom has played host to a number of recent concert events, including Snoop Dogg and Chevelle, and hopes to build on that momentum this summer. Get The Led Out, also called "The American Led Zeppelin," will perform there on June 21, followed by country singer Hank Williams III on July 5 and progressive-rock mainstays moe. on July 21.

There are countless other venues offering live music every weekend throughout Savannah, certainly too many to list here. To name just a couple, Wild Wing Café in City-Market has consistently solid entertainers on both their outside and inside stages, and Blowin' Smoke BBQ on MLK Boulevard has one of the most enjoyable atmospheres and deliciously simple menus in the city. With such a wide variety of entertainment to choose from, it's hard to imagine a person becoming bored this summer in Savannah.

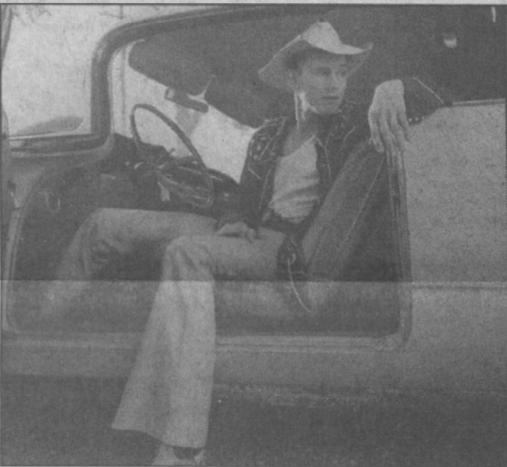


Photo courtesy of Shelton Hank Williams
Hank Williams III's rebellious country stylings will be on display at the Shoreline Ballroom on July 5.

AASU alum named Best Director in Savannah

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Recent AASU graduate Benjamin Wolfe earned more than his college diploma this past spring. Connect Magazine named him Best Local Director in Savannah, an impressive feat for someone who technically hasn't had any experience in the "real world" yet.

While he may not have much experience in the real world, Wolfe certainly has experience in the theater. He is a veteran of over forty shows – thirty-seven as an actor and four as a director.

At first his motivations were simple: "There was a cute girl who was already in the play," he said via e-mail when asked about his first theater experience. "So, I signed up."

It seems as though he made the right decision in pursuing a career in theater. Wolfe began acting at AASU in fall of 2005 in "Stop Kiss" and performed in seven shows while at the university. Wolfe speaks highly of his time at AASU.

"Most importantly," Wolfe said, "I was afforded the opportunity to learn on stage. While I was away for a semester, I saw first hand what

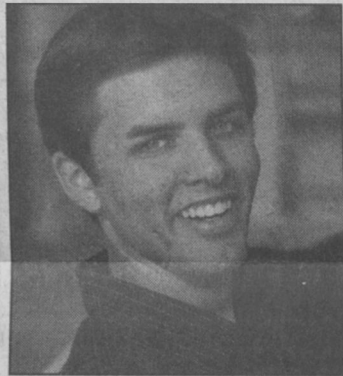


Photo courtesy of Benjamin Wolfe
Wolfe's time at AASU saw him in numerous roles, including a stint as Snoopy in "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

other schools were offering their students. At many places there are seniors who have never been cast in a show. I was on stage [by the] fall of my freshman year. You can't teach stage presence or 'stage smarts' in a classroom. That is AASU's methodology. And I benefited benefited greatly."

Proof of how he benefited, perhaps, is his growth as an actor. His last two performances at the university, in "ART" and "Crazy for You," were both nominated for the Kennedy Center's Irene Ryan Acting Award.

He also had the opportunity to watch the theater department grow tremendously.

"I think we had about 60 majors when I began," Wolfe said. "Now, we have close to 100 majors."

In addition, Wolfe notes that the theater department has "a new space filled with technology that would rival any venue in town."

One look around the recently remodeled Fine Arts Auditorium would lead many to agree with him, but it's important to note that the improvements were necessary for more than aesthetic reasons.

"When I came to AASU, one thing I noticed was that there was a great distance between the AASU theatre department and the rest of the Savannah theatre community," Wolfe said. "I have worked very, very hard to bridge that gap."

Certainly, Wolfe's Best in Savannah award is a sign that the bridge may finally be complete.

"To be honest, it is really cool," Wolfe said. "To win the award, makes me feel as if, in some way, I have helped the department to achieve a greater sense of place within the community."

Is the swim skirt just a bum flap?

Summer fashion starts on the beach

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Summer inevitably brings with it fashion, and this summer should prove to be no different. One trend worth mentioning is the swim skirt, an innovation that should prove to be a godsend for girls with a touch too much cellulite. The swim skirt is a thin piece of fabric that wraps around the waist like a skirt, usually only covering from the waist to the middle of the thigh. It's designed to be worn with a bikini bottom of some sort and has found its niche around the waists of starlets from Kim Kardashian to Jennifer Aniston.

The swim skirt has long been relegated to the swimsuit sidelines, right below the one-piece on the list of Swim Garments Young Women Don't Wear. Most swim skirts today still come with the sort of floral pattern you'd find your grandmother knitting into a wool blanket. Designers have taken the swim skirt to new levels and spearheaded the swim skirt's resurgence into mainstream fashion. Online, swim skirts are available in a wide variety of colors and cuts, from the traditional A-line pull-on to

wrap skirts, and even swim skirts with side splits for the woman who's feeling both conservative and spunky.

The recent popularity of the swim skirt has raised an important social question: Where is such a swim skirt

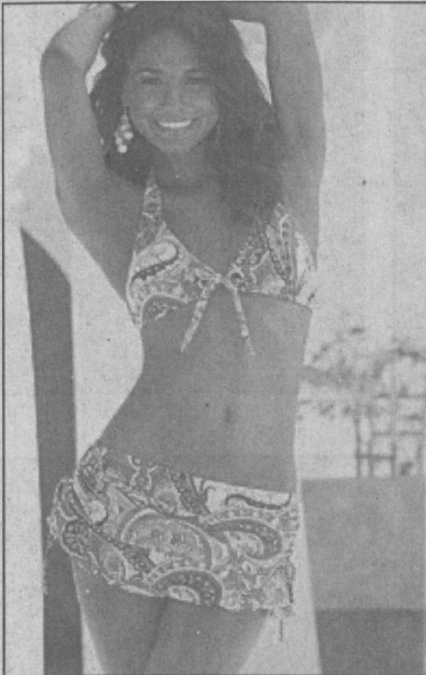


Photo courtesy of Macy's
The swim skirt, pictured above, provides an alternative to standard beachwear that connotes both modesty and flirtatiousness.

appropriate? It's important first to note that this writer does not condone the wearing of swim skirts without bi-

kini bottoms, except in very rare circumstances. Certainly the swim skirt makes sense on the beach, where it can be paired with a bikini top. This look connotes cuteness while covering up some parts that may not be all that flattering.

Those with a bit more edge to them may consider pairing the swim skirt with a halter-top and some flip-flops for a day on the beach, and this look seems acceptable as well. Girls with still more edge in them will try this combination at the mall, or worse, with high heels at a bar or nightclub. Neither of these is a good idea. The swim skirt is designed for modesty or to enhance a girl's figure on the beach, and wearing the swim skirt in other social settings will likely earn a girl a very distinct label. In the right areas, however, the swim skirt is tasteful, classy and sassy, and a recommended addition to the sporty girl's summer wardrobe.

Movie Review 'The Hangover'

Laugh 'til you collapse a lung

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Watching "The Hangover" without laughing would be like trying to climb Mount Everest upside down. I had seen the trailer for the movie, and it looked pretty funny, so I was already looking forward to seeing it. However, it ended up being one of the comedies that comes along every few years that is of the highest standard of humor possible. Sacha Baron Cohen's upcoming follow up to "Borat," "Bruno," may be in a bit of trouble, since it would certainly be hard to imagine laughing harder than this. And that's just as well; if "Bruno" ends up being any funnier than "The Hangover," there may be a few audience members who develop respiratory problems.

The story involves a bachelor party being thrown for Doug (Justin Bartha) on the eve of his wedding to his fiancée Tracy (Sasha Barrese) by his two best friends. There's Phil (Bradley Cooper), who is financing the party by ripping off his fifth-grade elementary school students, and Stu (former "Daily Show" correspondent Ed Helms), a dentist who is hoping to work up the courage to propose to his dominating girlfriend, Melissa (Rachel Harris). Tagging along is Tracy's brother Alan (Zach Galifianakis, the real

star of the movie), an overgrown 16-year old who provides some of the most thunderous laughter of the movie. The group's destination is Las Vegas, and Doug has been entrusted with his father-in-law's silver Mercedes ragtop. It goes without saying that the car is doomed.

The group spends the night in Caesar's Palace. Alan is apparently under the impression that Caesar himself lives there. The night's debauchery ends up getting the best of our heroes, who wake up the following morning to discover they now share their \$4200 villa with a tiger, a chicken and a baby. Doug is nowhere to be found. Neither is the Mercedes. Luckily, the group acquired a brand new police car during the drunken escapades.

As the title suggests, none of them recall the events of the previous night, but what really makes "The Hangover" funny is the way in which both the characters and the audience learn, often in horror, what took place during Doug's bachelor party. Stu wakes up missing a tooth, which later turns up in Alan's pocket. He also finds himself married to a stripper named Jade (Heather Graham), who happens to be wearing the exact ring Stu was supposed to use to propose to Melissa. Alan's remarks regarding the ring provide one of the mov-

ie's biggest laughs.

Oftentimes comedies tend to start out funny and then become rather dramatic during their final scenes. This is something of an annoyance since, hypothetically, comedies should sustain laughter as much as possible. "The Hangover" is an example of a movie that does this perfectly. I can honestly say that the audience and I were in near-continuous laughter for the entirety of the movie, and I found myself laughing to the point of tears at least three times. Bottom line: The purpose of comedy is to make us laugh, and "The Hangover" is without a doubt the funniest comedy since "Tropic Thunder."

5 out of 5 stars

Directed by Todd Phillips

Starring Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms

Rated R for language, sexual content, nudity and drug use

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nah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department records, which revealed a probation warrant on the driver, Brian Nettles. Gorman arrested Nettles.

Two separate incidents were reported at the Sports Center on May 12. A complainant said that at 3 p.m. she noticed her debit card was missing from her purse, which she had put in the bottom drawer of her desk, and nothing else was missing. She immediately called the bank and cancelled the card.

Another complainant reported that someone had been taking food and drinks from the staff/faculty break room for a long time, although he had not previously reported it. He said the incidents occur after hours when the facility is locked.

A complainant reported that someone used her debit card to make an online purchase at finishline.com in Indianapolis, Ind. When she contacted the company on May 19, a representative refused to provide shipping information and said that the transaction did not go through due to incorrect information provided by the purchaser. Sergeant Peny said that while the district attorney denied a request for a subpoena for the shipping information, the UPD is pursuing other avenues to obtain more information.

A complainant reported that between 3 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 23, her vehicle had been keyed on the driver's side while parked in the Compass Point parking lot.

On May 27, a complainant reported that his iPod had been stolen on May 23 be-

tween 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building while the victim was working at a fund-raising event. The iPod has a black face panel and a stainless steel back panel.

A complainant reported that his navy blue Trek bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack outside 1 University Drive between 5 p.m. on May 24 and 1 p.m. on May 25. The complainant said that he had locked the bike there for the night.

Crime follow-up

The Inkwell reported in November 2008 that UPD arrested Gerald Graham after a chase on Oct. 16 after he allegedly attempted to assist in the burglary of nearby condominiums. Peny reported that on April 23, 2009, Graham pled guilty to nine charges related to the incident and is serving five years in prison.

Police get RAD

UPD will offer Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes beginning in July, Peny said. He and Officer Coreno are certified in the self-defense class that is offered to women only and is free of charge. Peny said the class is beneficial not only because it helps women defend themselves against rape but also against other assaults. For more information, contact Peny at joseph.peny@armstrong.edu.

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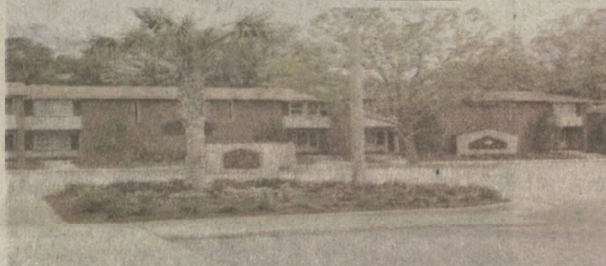
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